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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 28, 2008, Applicants request reconsideration of the rejections of the claims in the above-identified application in view of the remarks set forth below.

Claim 8 is rejected in the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Guederian, et al. 2004/0059424 as stated on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action. Applicants do not agree with this rejection. A first difference between the reference and the method of claim 8 is that Guederian, et al. describe a prosthetic glenoid component with attachment to a glenoid surface and the related method in contrast to Applicants invention where the attachment of a humeral head is described and claimed in claim 8 as amended. Specifically, the claim recites a method of fitting a shoulder joint